

# ENVOY

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## Task force, council discuss behavior

by Teri LaFave

Discussion of student behavior dominated the student council meeting that took place March 11.

This meeting was looking particularly for a way to solve the problem of negative behavior that has been taking place in the school. A task force made up of Mary Cane, social teacher, Jeanette Olson, math teacher, Mushkooub, bilingual program coordinator and Dale Sautbine, art

teacher, was appointed by Phil Minkinen, principal, to work on this problem.

This task force met with the student council to come up with some solutions.

The discussion was mainly about the attendance record. "There were 96 students at one time and it stabelizes for about a quarter and then drops down," stated task force member Mushkooub.

Questions asked by the task force and

students included: "Who comes to school for the incentive money? Why do some students attend daily? What makes them come to school?"

One solution involving meetings with parents was also spoken of, but quickly cut off again. "It is hard to get students' parents to come to some type of meeting," Mushkooub said.

The task force and student council will meet again to discuss this further.

## Science teacher undergoes surgery

by Teri LaFave

Science teacher Charlie Karp underwent surgery after being diagnosed as having a bilateral subdural hemotoma.

The cause of this condition was partially hitting his head during a game of racquetball. And it was partially caused by stress according to Karp's doctor.

Karp was taken to St. Luke's hospital in Duluth. From there he was transferred to St. Mary's hospital in Rochester, where  
continued on page 3.



Nicole showed great expertise while playing cribbage. More Spring games pictures inside.

# Editorials and Opinions

## What happend to school store?

The school store opened last fall. The store stayed open for about a month and one half. Towards the end of that time, the store wouldn't be open at the time scheduled and there were only a few items in the store.

If the store were

to open again, the students running the store should assign workers and make sure they are there and doing their job.

If students would like a school store here, let your student council know. Everyone must cooperate for this to work.

## Congratulations

The Envoy staff would like to congratulate both the boys' and girls' basketball teams for doing such a good job this season.

Both teams played real hard this year and made it to the district tournaments. Keep up the good sportsmanship and good luck next year.

## In the Halls

Why do you come to the Ojibway School? Is there anything that would make you want to come to school most of the time?



Hink



Van Nett

Dennis Hink (grade 12): "To try something different and to get my incentive money."

Renee VanNett (grade 11): "For something to do, nothing else to do and to see friends. There's no other school I want to go to. To graduate and to get my incentive money."

Willy Reponen (grade 11): "To get my education. There was too much trouble in Carlton.

Just to get my diploma makes me want to come."

David Gitzen (grade 7): "Because I'm interested in it and I like some of the classes."

Damion Sutton (grade 10): "I came here because I thought there were going to be Indian teachers and basically there are not. I would want to come to school every day if we got five bucks a day and don't take



Reponen



Gitzen

any money off if you miss a day."

Dan O'Leary (grade 12): "Because it is different from public school. The atmosphere is more easy and I feel



Sutten



O'Leary

more comfortable being around other Indian students. Would be better if there were more electives."

## Envoy

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## Letters to the editor

### School spirit

Dear Editor,

Well, you guys are making a big fuss over nothing. Just because you guys don't have school spirit doesn't mean that we have to sit around and be bored like you are. The spectators don't need improvement.

Sincerely yours,  
Brenda LaPrairie

### Setting examples

Dear Editor:

This is to the seniors who are suppose to be setting examples for the rest of the school.

Like when you guys started putting all that junk in the fish tank. Now your example has got everyone else doing it, especially the ninth graders.

You guys should grow up and have some respect for other people's property.

Thank you,  
Junior Class

### Letters welcome

Envoy welcomes letters to the editor. Letters must be signed, and may be edited for length. We'll gladly help with spelling, grammar, and punctuation. Contact any staff person for more information.

## Surgery, continued

he underwent surgery for one hour and 25 minutes.

During this operation, four incisions were made on the top of the scalp, then four small holes were made in the skull. Then, a laser was used to napp out all the joints in the skull. From there, the surgical team could find out where the blood pressure was greatest. The next step was to drain all the fluid out of the dura, which is the covering of the brain and spinal cord. Draining this fluid released the pressure on the

brain. A temporary drainage system was put into the brain for two days. This allowed any extra fluid to drain out.

Asked if in a lot of pain, the science teacher said "just before the operation I was in a lot of pain, but after the operation it felt like a scraped knee."

The symptoms of this condition, left Karp with migrane headaches loss of sleep, double vision, loss of appetite, and without will to do any type of task.

Karp is now working part time in his classes.

## Students receive awards

by Mara Petite

The BEST Kid award is an award for the students who attend school regularly, behave well in class and perform well academically. At the end of each month, one student each from grades seven through twelve will win this award and receive a check for \$25.

The teachers will nominate one student from each class and a majority decides the winner.

The winners for this month are: David Gitzen, 7; Jamie Couture, 8; Tara Kangas, 9; Jean Skinaway, 10; Willy Reponen, 11; and Carrie Bongo, 12.

## Summer school an option

by Tom McFatridge

Several items were discussed by the FDL School Board March 13.

They discussed having a summer school this year. The classes would be math, science, social studies, communications and an Ojibway class. The summer school classes will begin on June 15 and go through July

24 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

They also discussed student attendance, community influence, student drug and alcohol use, and court involvement. They discussed that 60 percent of Carlton's docket is filled with Indian people and 3 percent of the population is Indian.

# Competition fierce for Ziigwan Ataadiwin

by Teri LaFave

Screams, yells and lots of fun were part of the annual Ziigwan Ataadiwin (Spring Games) that took place this year on Thursday, March 12.

All the games took place down in the Fond du Lac gym or outside the gym. Each grade competed against each other to see which grade would take the trophy.

The games included backgammon, cribbage, chess, checkers, moccasin game, ping pong, snow shoe race, two-on-two basketball, floor hockey, arm wrestling, Carol

Beargrease sled dog race, relay race, tug of war, the gym to school race, and a three legged race.

Because of the lack of snow the two ski races were replaced with the gym to school run and the three legged race.

The senior class, for the third year in a row, took first with 158 points. The juniors took second with 108 points, and the ninth took third with 88 points.

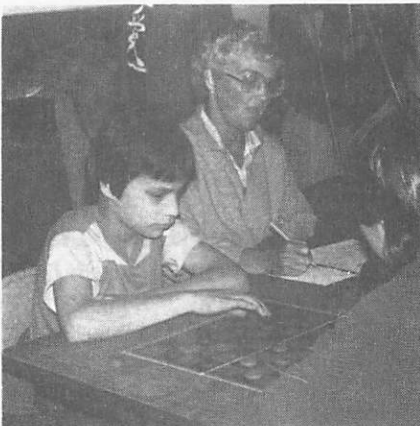
The eighth graders were fourth, tenth graders fifth, and seventh graders took sixth.



Denise Day and Dennis Hink concentrate on their chess moves.



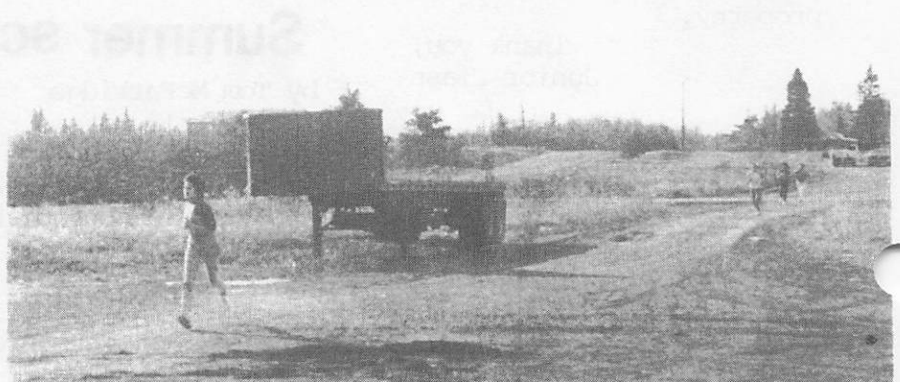
Rich Peacock is steady as he and his partner, Carrie Bongo, play the moccasin game.



Jamie Couture thinks before he moves in the game of checkers.



Stan Bird, Ken Morrin, Junior Bird, Mike Petite, Doug Misquadace, and Jim O'Brien take off in the boys' gym to school run.



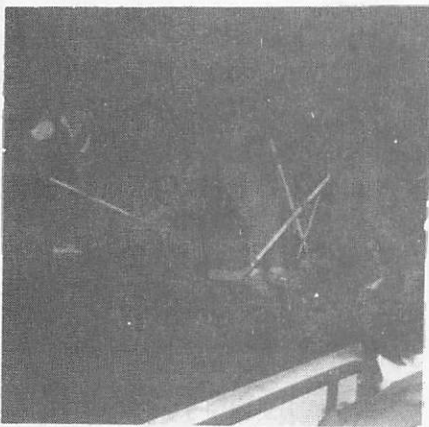
Brenda LaPrairie takes the lead in the gym to school run.



# All grades participate for fun, exciting day



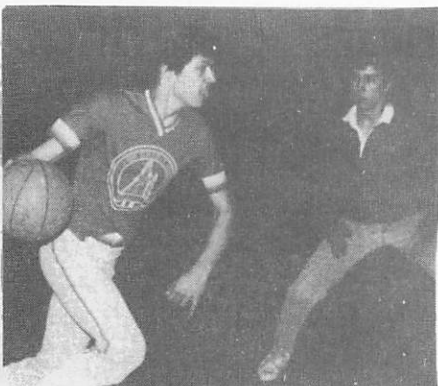
Brenda LaPrairie, Mara Petite, Shannon Mullen, Michelle Peacock, Robin LaFave, and Tara Kangas are off on the race from the gym to the school, which took place instead of the long distance ski race.



Eleventh grade dominates tenth grade in a game a game of floor hocky.



Rich Peacock and Tony Defoe go at it in a good challenge of arm wrestling.



Dan O'leary tries to drive the ball past Ken Morrin during two-on-two basketball.



Shannon Mullen and Alvina Robinson head for the finish line while Carrie Bongo tries to regain her balance.

# Sports

## Girls strive hard but come up short

by Robert LaFave

The Fond du Lac girls' basketball team played Duluth Cathedral in the district basketball tournament at UWS February 27 at 6 p.m.

The final score of the game was 28-63. The high scorer was

eighth grader Michelle Urrutia with 13 points. The leading rebounder for the Warriors was Renee VanNett, a junior.

Junior Brenda LaPrairie proved to be an effective guard.

Two of the usual starting players were

in Washington, D.C. Denise Day and Jean Skinaway were on the Close-Up Program trip.

"It was a very good game even though the score didn't show it," assistant coach Joe Curran said.

## Boys' second half rush wasn't enough

by Robert LaFave

The boys' basketball season came to an end at the University of Wisconsin, Superior on Thursday, March 5.

The Fond du Lac Warriors played the Hermantown Hawks. In the first half the

Hawks had a lead of eighteen points. At the end of the first half, Coach Joe Curran brought his team into the locker room and gave them a pep talk.

The start of the second half, the F.D.L. Warriors felt a little

more confident. In the third quarter, the Warriors started making their layups and were hitting from the outside, but it wasn't enough to win the game. The Warriors lost to Hermantown to 63.

## Track practice begins

by Robert LaFave

Spring is here and that means track time. Practice started Monday, March 2 in the gym.

The first meet is April 9 at Brainard

High School. There are at least three meets scheduled for this season.

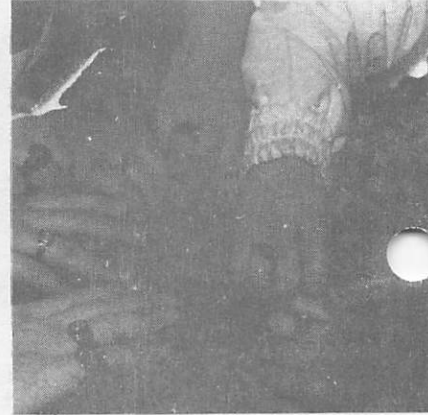
The team is coached by Charlie Karp, Joe Curran, and Calvin Goggeley.

## Eighth graders take trip

The eighth grade class went on a field trip March 6 to KARE television station in the Twin Cities.

Their science teacher Charlie Karp set up the trip and went with.

## After persistence, hard work juniors get rings



As Brenda LaPrairie and Renee VanNett fill in the chart, Karen Martineau receives her ring. The rest of the juniors proudly display their rings.